

1 1. A method comprising:
 2 receiving a wireless signal from a portable
 3 device;
 4 attempting to authenticate the wireless signal;
 5 and
 6 if the signal is not authenticated, disabling an
 7 operation of the device.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein receiving a
 2 wireless signal from a portable device includes receiving a
 3 short-range wireless signal.

1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein receiving a
 2 wireless signal includes receiving a Bluetooth protocol
 3 signal.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein preventing
 2 operation of the device includes preventing access to a
 3 supply of power.

1 5. The method of claim 1 including receiving a
 2 wireless signal at a key fob.

1 6. The method of claim 1 including receiving a
 2 wireless signal at a concealed location.

1 7. The method of claim 1 including preventing
2 operation of the device if the signal is not authenticated.

1 8. The method of claim 1 including adversely
2 affecting the performance of the device if the signal is
3 not authenticated.

1 9. The method of claim 1 including limiting access
2 to storage if the signal is not authenticated.

1 10. The method of claim 1 including preventing the
2 device from booting if the signal is not authenticated.

1 11. A wireless system comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a wireless transceiver; and
4 a storage coupled to said processor, said storage
5 storing instructions that enable the processor to
6 authenticate a received wireless signals, and, if the
7 signal is not authenticated, disable an operation of the
8 device.

1 12. The system of claim 11 wherein said transceiver
2 receives a short-range wireless signal.

1 13. The system of claim 12 wherein said transceiver
2 is a Bluetooth protocol transceiver.

1 14. The system of claim 11 wherein said processor
2 prevents operation of the device by preventing access to a
3 supply of power.

1 15. The system of claim 11 wherein said system is in
2 the form of a key fob.

1 16. The system of claim 11 wherein said system
2 prevents operation of the device if the signal is not
3 authenticated.

1 17. The system of claim 11 wherein said system
2 adversely affects the performance of the device if the
3 signal is not authenticated.

1 18. The system of claim 11 wherein said system limits
2 access to storage if the signal is not authenticated.

1 19. The system of claim 11 wherein said system
2 prevents the device from booting if the signal is not
3 authenticated.

1 20. An article comprising a medium storing
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:
3 receive a wireless signal from a portable device;
4 attempt to authenticate the wireless signal; and
5 disable an operation of the device if the signal
6 is not authenticated.

1 21. The article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 receive a short-range wireless signal.

1 22. The article of claim 21 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 receive a Bluetooth protocol signal.

1 23. The article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 prevent access to a supply of power.

1 24. The article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 receive a wireless signal at a key fob.

1 25. The article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 receive a wireless signal at a concealed location.

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1 26. An article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 prevent operation of the device if the signal is not
4 authenticated.

1 27. An article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 adversely affect the performance of the device if the
4 signal is not authenticated.

1 28. An article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 limit access to storage if the signal is not authenticated.

1 29. An article of claim 20 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 prevent the device from booting if the signal is not
4 authenticated.